have been regularized with effect from the date of his initial appointment. The matter as to whether or not same benefits can be granted to other similarly placed officers is being examined in consultation with Department of Personnel and Training.

Health mobile vans for poor people

1514. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set-up health mobile vans for poor people living in Jhuggis-Jhonpries in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) The Government of NCT of Delhi has informed that they are already providing 64 mobile health vans for poor people residing in 430 large Jhuggi-Jhonpri clusters. The efforts are underway to augment the system further.

Increase in death rate of children

†1515. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards continuous increase in the death rate among children;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken, so far, by Government to save these children from untimely death?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) There is no increase in the death rate of children in the country. The Child (0-4) Mortality Rate (CMR) for the latest available three years as per the Sample Registration Survey (SRS), Registrar General of India (RGI) is as under:

Year	CMR
1996	23.9
1997	23.1
1998	22.5

Under the RCH Programme, immunization against six vaccine preventable diseases, facilities for appropriate management of acute respiratory infections, Oral Rehydration Therapy (ORT) for management of diarrhoeal diseases; and essential newborn care services are provided. Promotion of exclusive breastfeeding and appropriate complementary feeding practices, and prophylaxis against Vitamin-A and Iron-deficiencies are also being provided to improve the nutritional status of children.

Schemes have been launched in weaker districts to improve the access of the people to Reproductive and Outreach Scheme, RCH Camps, Dai Training and Border District Cluster Strategy Project which have been undertaken to effect further reduction in child mortality.

Working of NGOs in health programmes

1516. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Non-Governmental Organisations engaged in implementation of health programmes in the country, State-wise;

(b) the details of the amount provided by Government to each organisation during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether these organizations submitted their accounts to the concerned authorities;